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#### **SAP** member of Veterans for Peace heads for Iraq





by Pete Keith

Barry Riesch is on a mission. Actually, he's on two missions.

His first is to help rebuild an Iraqi water treatment plant that was bombed out during the Gulf War. His second mission is to convince Americans that economic sanctions being carried out by our government and the United Nations are taking a cruel toll on innocent people in Iraq, including millions of children.

Riesch, a resident of St. Anthony Park, will accompany 20 other members of the Veterans for Peace (VFP) to Iraq on October 3 to begin implementing the Iraq Water Project (IWP), a multi-phase humanitarian effort to repair several of Iraq's defunct water treatment plants and provide one of their people's most basic needs-clean, drinkable water.

For the first phase of the project, Riesch and his team will spend two weeks working with Iraqi engineers and technicians repairing a treatment facility in Abul Khaseeb, a suburb of Basrah in southeastern Iraq. This region suffered particularly heavy damage during the Gulf War and as a result has a grossly inadequate supply of potable water. Without clean water, diseases are running rampant. Children, according to Riesch, are the most vulnerable to contaminatedwater-borne illness, since they don't have fully developed immune systems.

As well as providing physical help with repair tasks, IWP members are also

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# Carter Avenue Frame Shop marks 25th year in St. Anthony Park

by Michelle Christianson

here are two possible misnomers concerning the Carter Avenue Frame Shop's 25th anniversary. First, as local residents know, the shop is not on Carter Avenue. Second, no one is exactly sure if it became a business in 1974 or 1975. But one thing is certain: They are now celebrating their 25th anniversary (and are happy as clams to be here).

'Some time in the mid-70s" (the first Bugle ad appears in 1975) the original owner of the business, Mark Frederickson, was on his way to a softball game when he noticed a "for lease" sign in a window in Milton Square. Frederickson had been working for a framing wholesaler in Edina but itching to open his own business. The space was tiny (just a small cubicle off the parking lot behind Micawbers Bookstore, hence the Carter Avenue name), but the location was desirable and the timing right, so he made the

The business did well, so well that in 1980 Frederickson opened Commercial Framing Service in Minneapolis and became coowner of White Oak Gallery in

Edina. He and his wife had been living behind Speedy Market but decided to move to Prior Lake. The combination of owning three businesses and commuting such a distance proved to be too much, so the Frame Shop went on the market in 1985.

The bathroom was colder than the rest of the shop, causing the water in the sink and toilet to freeze, and the ceiling radiator leaked steaming hot water. It was time to move.

At that time Tim Smith was working part-time for Tom Lind at the Frameworks in Roseville while going to Luther Seminary. Smith had no knowledge or experience in the picture framing business, but he quickly learned the trade. Indeed, he showed such an aptitude for framing that when the Carter Avenue Frame Shop went on the market, Lind asked Smith to buy it with him.

It was a dilemma for Smith. On the one hand, he wanted to be a pastor. On the other hand, he really liked framing and had a golden opportunity to go into business for himself. So, for only \$500 of his own money, he became co-owner of the Carter Avenue Frame Shop. (The current owners of Speedy Market at Como and Doswell may be a bit nonplussed to learn that the Frame Shop was the first "Tim and Tom's" in St. Anthony Park.)

That was a time of great change for Smith as he bought both the business and a house in St. Anthony Park, changed his career path and found out his wife was pregnant. Luckily, Lind taught him the business side of running a shop, and Smith taught himself

about art and framing, an education that he continues today by attending art and framing trade shows several times a year. What was to be a temporary occupation became Smith's life work. Although he finished his coursework at the seminary and was certified for call, he was never ordained.

Brian Lind, Tom's son, had worked with Smith at the Frameworks, so when they needed more help, Smith hired him to work part-time while Brian pursued a journalism degree. The extra help and booming business made the little shop on Carter . Avenue more and more cramped.

It wasn't just that the space was small (the workroom could only hold "one-and-a-half" people,

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## **Local group wins Target Market Battle of the Bands**



Asha Shoffner and Mayda Miller of Sugar Divas at Minnesota State Fair

## campus fixture by Natalie Zett

Beta of Clovia House is St. Paul

B eta of Clovia House, located since 1989 at 2067 Carter Ave., testifies to the vision and determination of a group of special young women. Back in 1937, several home economics and education students at the University of Minnesota discovered that, besides academic majors, they also shared a rural heritage of modest means, 4-H affiliation and a need for affordable campus housing. Creating a lasting legacy of inexpensive accommodations for current and future female students at first seemed daunting, yet the tenacity of spirit that brought that idea to fruition remains the

indisputable characteristic of Beta of Clovia.

Though a sorority, Beta of Clovia is also a cooperative where the residents assume much of its care and upkeep. While obviously a university residence, it's very much a domicile to the 21 women living there. Three incarnations (the first two residences were at 1502 Raymond and 1499 Cleveland) and 63 years have not diminished the ideals and traditions of its early founders.

Once inside the unassuming three-story stucco building, one encounters a sight that would earn Martha Stewart's stamp of

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by Dave Healy

n the rock music world, bands L come and go at the same frenzied pace as the music. Sugar Divas, though, might be an exception to the rule. Formed during the summer of 1997, the group is still going strong, as evidenced by their recent win in Target Market's Battle of the Bands. The contest was sponsored by Target Market, KMSP-TV UPN9 and The Beat 96, a new Twin Cities radio station.

Sugar Divas was started by St. Anthony Park resident Mayda Miller and her friend Asha Shoffner when the two were students at St. Paul's Capitol Hill Junior High. Shoffner also has a St. Anthony Park connection: Her grandparents, Bob and Gladys Shoffner, are long-time residents of Knapp St. near Langford Park.

Miller and Shoffner began playing guitar together in seventh grade. The following summer they added drummer Liz Maynes-Aminzade and singer Mina

Moore-Foster. Later bassist Jessica Hartnet joined them. Christening themselves Sugar Divas, the group started by playing covers but quickly progressed to writing their own material. Currently they have a playlist of 17 original songs, most written by Miller and Maynes-Aminzade.

In addition to playing for parties and school events (all the band members attend St. Paul's Central High School, except for Mina Moore-Foster, who's at Mounds Park Academy), Sugar Divas has performed at Eclipse Records, MARS Music, Sweeney's and O'Gara's, as well as the Grand Old Days Battle of the Bands.

At Target Market's contest, the Sugar Divas competed against several dozen other groups from across the state. Their win netted them a \$500 gift certificate from MARS Music and a free recording session. In addition, they performed live on KMSP-TV at

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#### Falcon Heights

#### Citizenship award established

The Falcon Heights City Council has established the Neal Kwong Citizenship Award in honor of the young Falcon Heights resident who died suddenly Aug. 22 while at Boy Scout Camp. Neal was an active leader in the Falcon Heights recreation program.

The award will be granted annually to a Falcon Heights resident age 12-21 who displays outstanding leadership, volunteerism or citizenship.

As a posthumous recipient of the award named in his honor, Neal Kwong was recognized with a tree planted in his name in Community Park,

#### City Hall opens doors Oct. 10

In connection with "Building Quality Communities," an initiative of the League of Minnesota Cities, the Falcon Heights City Hall invites all residents to an open house from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Tues., Oct. 10.

The event is an opportunity for residents to learn more about city services. Representatives from the public works and fire

departments will be on hand. A crab apple tree, smoke detectors and fire extinguishers will be given away.

#### Local athlete recognized

The city council voted unanimously to declare Sept. 16 "John Roethlisberger Day" in Falcon Heights. Roethlisberger, a Falcon Heights resident, was a member of the 2000 Olympics men's gymnastics team that competed in Sydney, Australia.

#### St. Anthony Park

#### City budget forum scheduled

The St. Anthony Park Community Council and the Hamline-Midway Coalition will sponsor a presentation by Greg Blees, St. Paul City Council budget analyst, who will explain the city's budget process. Council members Jay Benanav and Jerry Blakely will also be present to hear residents' questions and comments about budget issues, including Mayor Norm Coleman's proposed \$10 million rebate.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. at Jehovah Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1566 Thomas Ave. (corner of Thomas and Snelling).

#### Planning Commission to hold public hearing on billboards

The St. Paul Planning Commission will hold a public hearing about advertising signs on Friday, Oct. 6 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 40 of the City Hall-Court House, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd. At this time the commission will consider amendments to St. Paul's zoning and licensing codes regarding construction of new billboards in the city. The SAP Community Council has unanimously opposed the planning commission's recommendation because it would permit some new billboards to be erected within District 12 boundaries.

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## Garvin Davenport named Hamline dean

by Amy Causton

M ost of us spend four or five years at college, tops, but St. Anthony Park resident Garvin Davenport has been at Hamline University for 34 years—and counting. After a distinguished teaching and administrative career there, Davenport has been named the new dean of the College of Liberal Arts (CLA).

Davenport has spent virtually his entire career at Hamline. His only other teaching post was as a part-time rhetoric instructor at the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus during graduate school. (It was then that he and his wife decided to live in St. Anthony Park, which they have done since 1969.)

After receiving his bachelor's degree in English and journalism from Grinnell College in Iowa and his doctorate in American Studies from the University of Minnesota, Davenport joined Hamline's CLA faculty in 1966 as an assistant professor in the English Department. In 1992, he took on a part-time position as assistant dean and later was associate dean; last year he served as interim dean before being named to the post permanently.

At Hamline Davenport has helped develop several programs, including the first-year seminar program, which introduces new students to college study and the liberal arts, and the writing center, which he helped develop and then ran for five years.

As dean, Davenport is responsible for overseeing all CLA academic operations. He likes to work by consensus. "Part of good administration," he says, "is to work out the lumps before the decision is made." That means working closely with both faculty and students to evaluate and plan. "I enjoy working with faculty from different disciplines, and with students," he says. "I couldn't do my work without them."

Davenport sees many challenges facing higher education. Among them are adapting to changing technology, dealing with increased competition from "virtual" and for-profit universities, managing costs with limited resources and assessing students' progress to ensure that they are really learning. "If I had to describe it in two words," he says, "they would be 'increased accountability."

One aspect of that accountability is relating a liberal arts education to the workplace. Davenport says that parents of students want to know what kinds of jobs a liberal arts degree will prepare their kids for-an increasing concern as college degrees become more costly. To that end, one of Davenport's goals for the future is "fostering and supporting programs that respond to real needs in society." He foresees an expansion of the preprofessional programs that already exist for medicine and law, to include such areas as technology and business management.

Another challenge will be providing access to a college education for people who historically have not had it. Davenport points to demographics suggesting that while the number of college-age young people will continue to increase, a growing number will be from families that cannot easily afford college. One result, he feels, is that adult learners will become a more important part of the college-either because students will take time off after high school

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## Of form and function

walk through most any urban residential neighborhood reveals that A walk through most any urban residence. People build fences the majority of yards have some kind of fence. People build fences for many reasons. Some serve as literal de-fenses and thus invoke the Middle English origins of our modern word. Such structures are designed to keep things out-both the tangible (a short-cut-minded hiker) and the intangible (a prying gaze). But a fence might also be built to keep someone in-a curious toddler, perhaps, or a friendly dog. Other fences function primarily as boundaries, a way of distinguishing

Regardless of the motivation, building a fence is not something to be undertaken lightly, according to Robert Frost. In "Mending Wall" the

Before I built a wall I'd ask to know What I was walling in or walling out, And to whom I was like to give offense.

The pun on the last word is a reminder that fences are inescapably relational, a fact underscored in the aphorism quoted by the speaker's companion in Frost's poem: "Good fences make good neighbors."

Whether they do or not is arguable, Frost's poem seems to suggest. What's unarguable is that fences are consequential. They can redefine relationships even as they reconfigure the landscape. The simplest characteristic of a fence is also its most complex: Any fence has two sides. A fence makes a statement, though just what it says may not

Fences speak the language of form as well as function. Even the most practical fence builder will inevitably create something that also has an aesthetic dimension. The home owners featured in this issue were all concerned with how their fences would look as well as with what they would do. How important is a fence's appearance?

One might ask how important anything's appearance is. If a raincoat keeps out the rain, does it matter what it looks like? If a nest keeps the eggs in, should one care about its appearance? If you're a bird, probably not. If you're a human nest builder . . . maybe.

Often, of course, it's impossible to separate form from function. A fence intended to provide maximum privacy can't be three feet high or made of chain link. A fence designed to keep rabbits out or Great Danes in cannot be constructed of fireplace screens.

Yet even though the purposes (and the budgets) to which we are committed always impose constraints, our making always involves aesthetic choices. Wide slats or narrow? Painted or unpainted? And those choices in turn have practical as well as aesthetic implications. A painted fence may last longer than an unpainted one, but it will require more upkeep. The form/function knot is endlessly complicated.

How much do our fences say about us? Perhaps more than we realize.

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#### Julie Ward will use experience

I recently had the pleasure of meeting Julie Ward, a candidate for state representative in Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Roseville and St. Anthony (54B). I was impressed with her slogan, "Real-life experience for effective representation.'

Julie Ward is a candidate who is working to put to work her experience with family (married, four children), education (B.A. in biology and education; J.D. U of M Law School), business (family business owned by her grandfather), community involvement (youth worker at St. Michael's Lutheran Church) and instructor (Falcon Heights Park and Recreation program) to serve the people of our area.

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job serving as our representative in the state legislature. I plan to vote for Julie Ward on Nov. 7.

> Dorothy Menke St. Anthony

#### College Park fundraising continues

As of Sept. 15 over \$24,000 has been committed in pledges, contributions, grants and in-kind gifts to help rebuild the tennis and basketball courts in College Park. Our fundraising goal is \$35,000,

which would enable us to meet our matching grant request from city neighborhood STAR funds.

The proposed tennis and basketball courts will occupy the area just east of the new playground, including some of the currently sodded area.

On Sept. 25 two members of our task force and a member of the community council presented our project to the STAR Board. Their decision should be made sometime this month.

Our thanks to all those who have contributed. If you haven't yet done so, contributions can still be made for the College Park courts to the SAPCC, 890 Cromwell St., St. Paul, MN 55114.

Bob Munson, Chair College Park One Project Task Force

## Beta of Clovia House. . . from page 1

approval: freshly painted walls, beautiful artwork and new furniture, creating both a quiet elegance and "at home" atmosphere not usually found in

campus housing.
The name, "Clovia," reveals the house's 4-H connection (the green four-leafed clover with a white "H" on each leaf symbolizes the organization's pledge of Head, Heart, Hands and Health). While not officially under 4-H auspices, the House has a mission statement that incorporates 4-H ideals that translate into cooperative living where the women do their own cooking and share household responsibilities. Also, they are expected to meet high academic standards and are encouraged to be leaders and involved in community service projects.

Although 4-H membership is no longer a prerequisite and the home economics majors have gone by the wayside (giving way to diverse majors, from forestry to veterinary medicine), the founding principles of providing educational opportunities and developing leadership abilities remain.

However, for the University and surrounding community, Beta of Clovia's main claim to fame is the bazaar organized by the Alumnae Association that occurs at the Student Center Ballroom on the St. Paul campus in October of even-numbered years. Once a staple of fundraising events, most bazaars have declined in recent years due to fewer volunteers, which makes the Clovia event even more remarkable.

Three representatives of Beta of Clovia Alumnae Association-Marlene Bantteri, Van Linck and Olive Zoller-discussed their Clovia years during the 1950s and their active involvement today.

"What was so different 40 years ago was that most women didn't work full-time outside the home," explained Linck, "Yet, in spite of the decline of bazaars, we've never had a lack of volunteers for this and other fundraising activities." In addition to working on the bazaar, Linck has also chronicled the history of Beta of Clovia in a book.

Bantteri, who is in charge of the publicity for this year's bazaar, noted that "the bazaar is not just a fundraiser. For us and for everyone involved, it's a tremendously rewarding, unifying and bonding experience."

According to Zoller, co-chair of the first bazaar in 1962, Clovia has about 1,000 alumnae. The majority of alumnae (and spouses) generously provide time and talent for the bazaar, along with local fundraising events during the nonbazaar years. "I've been involved since the early 1950s, and there's always been an active alumnae list. In fact, the round robin begun in 1957 is still going on," she said.

The camaraderie among the three alums was demonstrated when each credited the other with various accomplishments. For example, when Zoller left the room momentarily, Bantteri and Linck assured me that "Olive was the inspiration for the bazaar since she saw the need for remodeling and upkeep. She even did the decorating!" Without missing a beat, Zoller shot back from the other room, "Well, it really was all of us working together to make this happen!"

Though it's difficult to choose the most popular of the bazaar's specialty areas, the Clovia Kitchen rates very high. "You can imagine, with all the home economists, how wonderful the

food is!" exclaimed Bantteri. The Holiday Booth, which features decorations for nearly every type of holiday, is probably the next most popular, with the Dried & Natural Booth-which includes wild-growing plants, flowers, vines, cones and pods-being the

The money earned from this bazaar has permitted the alumnae to pay off the mortgage in 10 years, bring the kitchen up to code, replace the furniture, complete general remodeling, provide scholarships to the young women and keep the housing affordable.

Residents tend to be recruited by existing Beta of Clovia members, and there is usually a waiting list. The young women lead lives of typical college students, with studies and social functions-along with assuming their portions of household responsibilities. (A young resident and recent grad added, "This was really where I learned to run a household. The experience was awesome!") There are also house counselors and students who act as "Clovia Mother" for the younger

The bottom line is providing comfortable, affordable housing for young women. When asked about the future of the Clovia, Bantteri stated, "We believe that it is special and feel confident that the tradition will continue." Linck and Zoller added, "We owe that to ourselves, to the young women and to their families."

For more information about Beta of Clovia and the upcoming bazaar on October 20 and October 21, see their Web site at http://communities.startribune. com/379. ■

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Correction: Last month's Bugle incorrectly identified the architect who designed the new addition to Murray Junior High School. The architect is Dana Murdoch of Ankeny Kell Architects. The Bugle regrets the error.

#### Barry Riesch . from page 1

raising funds for repairs and long-term operation of water treatment facilities. Riesch estimates that \$30,000 will be raised for this first treatment plant—enough to bring the plant on line and provide 10 years of operating costs. In total, the group plans to raise \$125,000 to rebuild three plants in the Basrah region. Once returned to operation, these three facilities will serve 70,000 people.

Other factors compound water problems in the Basrah area. As well as damaging facilities for providing drinking water, the Gulf War left many sewage treatment plants destroyed. The result is more raw sewage flowing into the Tigris River, according to Riesch. The area's only direct source of water is now more contaminated than ever.

When water treatment facilities are brought back on line, they require chlorine gas. Importing chlorine is strictly prohibited under U.N. sanctions, due to its potential use in weapons making. Therefore, a

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large portion of the money IWP raises will be used to pay for expensive domestically available

Riesch is passionate about trying to change what he and the VFP believe is one of the grossest injustices in the world today. Until the economic sanctions are lifted, he believes the best way to help the people of Iraq is to provide them with clean, drinkable water. Of other humanitarian aid efforts, he says, "Medicines are helpful, but they just buy time. Water is the most basic, most essential ingredient for life.'

For Barry Riesch and the Veterans for Peace, the biggest challenge is getting economic sanctions lifted. Riesch says the sanctions "are causing a slow death to Iraqi citizens in order to stop their leader from making weapons of mass destruction. There's no reason to be punishing the people due to their leader, who's not suffering at allclearly this is a policy that's not working."

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as part of our

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This workshop will share our preliminary results of the field work conducted this past summer and will foster community-based planning for future conservation and management of these selected natural habitat sites in St. Anthony Park. For more information, call 649-5992.



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# Carter Avenue Frame Shop . . . from page 1

and the showroom started feeling crowded with more than one customer), there were comfort issues as well. The bathroom was about 30 degrees cooler than the rest of the shop, causing the water in the sink and toilet to freeze on occasion, and the ceiling radiator leaked steaming hot water. It was time to move, so in 1989 the business relocated to the storefront now occupied by Gustafson Jewelers at 2278 Como.

"The best parts of this job are the satisfaction of making something beautiful with my hands and making people happy."

Over the next five years, Smith bought out Tom Lind, hired several full-time employees (including Brian Lind, who decided he didn't want to be a journalist after all), and expanded his clientele. Then in 1994 Smith found that he couldn't get a longterm lease on his space, so it was

time to look for a new location again.

This time it was to be permanent. Smith bought what had originally been a rental property at 2186 Como, gutted the inside and added a pitched roof. They moved in during State Fair week in 1994 and have been there ever since, successful enough to employ three full-time framers-Smith, Lind and Faye

One of the benefits of living in the same neighborhood where he works is that Smith sees his handiwork in friends' homes. People remember for years what he has done for them. "The best parts of this job are the satisfaction of making something beautiful with my hands and making people happy," says Smith. He even remembers specific pieces that were challenging and satisfying to work on.

Smith has other interests besides framing. He loves to garden (as evidenced by his beautiful yard near Langford Park), travel, read historical



novels, play basketball at the YMCA and work for his favorite non-profit, Habitat for Humanity. Every year he organizes a crew at his church and spends a week working on a house.

What about his seminary training? Does he ever use it? Smith says he often knows when someone comes in with a picture of an elderly person or maybe a pet that they are grieving. Just a word or a question about the subject can open the gates. People sometimes need to talk through these things, and Smith is a great listener. An occupation can also be a calling. Just ask Tim Smith.

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# SAP residents can help buck buckthorn

by Mary Maguire Lerman

Residents of north and south St. Anthony Park have a special opportunity to rid their yards of the invasive woody plant buckthorn this fall. This program is funded by grants from the St. Anthony Park Association and the St. Anthony Park Garden Club. On Saturday, Nov. 4, a truck and crew will drive down St. Anthony Park streets, stopping to pick up and chip buckthorn. Cut buckthorn trees and shrubs will be removed from property owners' yards at no cost. Residents who want to take advantage of this service must have their buckthorn shrubs or trees cut and piled in their front yard by 7 a.m. on that Saturday. Only buckthorn that has been piled appropriately will be picked up and chipped. The tree service will not cut down buckthorn on properties as part of this Saturday event. That is the property owner's responsibility.

The three buckthorns listed below are now classified as noxious weeds by the state of Minnesota. The sale, planting and transport of these plants within the state of Minnesota is prohibited as of Dec. 31, 2000.

Any and all of these three buckthorns qualify for the roundup chipping program:

 Common Buckthorn (Rhamnus cathartica)

 Tallhedge or Columnar Glossy Buckthorn (Rhamnus frangula "Columnaris")

 Fernleaf Buckthorn (Rhamnus frangula "Asplenifolia")

To participate in the roundup, residents must sign up in advance using the form on this page in the St. Anthony Park Association's ad. Specific instructions will be provided to each participant regarding stacking and pickup procedures. Participants can also obtain information on desirable replacement hedges for buckthorn. Information on how to kill the remaining stumps and

The sale, planting and transport of buckthorn in Minnesota is prohibited as of Dec. 31, 2000.

roots, either chemically or mechanically, will be provided. The deadline for signing up to participate is Oct. 23.

St. Anthony Park residents have a unique opportunity to help remove an invasive plant from their neighborhood and thereby facilitate restoration of public lands. How? When you remove buckthorn from your property,

you remove the seed source that birds eat and carry in their droppings to other sites. And when you remove buckthorn from your property, you will help your other landscape plants thrive.

Assistance will be available to those who want to participate but are not able to cut down buckthorn on their property. A "Chop 'Em Down Day" has been scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 28, when volunteers will assist homeowners. Looking for a late fall volunteer opportunity? We can use your help. Fill out the volunteer portion of the participation form and send it in.

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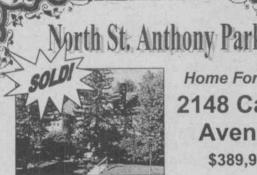


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Name PLEASE PRINT Zip Code\_ Phone (

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- ☐ I can volunteer to assist others with cutting/hauling/stacking of buckthorn on Oct. 28.
- ☐ I'm not sure if I have buckthorn on my property. I would like to have my property checked to determine if buckthorn is present. Please call me to schedule a time for a visit.

Participation forms must be postmarked no later than October 21st. Mail the form to:

SAP Association Buckthorn Roundup P.O. Box 8062

St. Paul, Minnesota 55108

If you have further questions about the roundup, please leave a message at 651-644-7388. Your call will be returned during the evening or on the weekend.

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Michael Russelle

Talking over the fence: A homeowner promotes neighborliness

by Judy Woodward

Good fences make good neighbors." Or so runs the old New England saying made famous by Robert Frost. But anyone who knows the story of Michael Russelle's fence might be pardoned for thinking that the poet got it backwards.

Michael Russelle is a good neighbor who made a spectacularly good fence.

Russelle, who lives on a corner lot in St. Anthony Park, hadn't really considered building a fence until he had a vision. "I'm from Oregon," says the tall, lanky USDA soil scientist with the Lincolnesque chin whiskers, "and I grew up hiking in the mountains." The lush mountains of the Pacific Northwest, that is, where the sound of trickling water is never far from the hiking path.

Others might have seen three overgrown spruce trees and a maple in his back yard, but Russelle is a man who can envision possibilities. He decided to recreate the landscape of his youth.

Unfortunately, building a mountain range in St. Anthony Park is beyond the powers of any man, even one with a professional background in dirt. So Russelle did the next best thing. He realized that his back yard had enough of a slope to support a modest man-made waterfall cascading down to an artificial pond.

"I've always wanted a pond," says Russelle, with the kind of simple eloquence that Robert Frost would have understood.

But a pond presented an additional problem. With or without a waterfall, Russelle's back yard is no sylvan wilderness but an urban residential lot only footsteps away from a well-trafficked sidewalk. "We had to screen the pond from toddlers," he says.

Small children were to be protected, but Russelle was equally emphatic about what he didn't want. "We didn't want a privacy fence. My wife and I are introverts, but we're not curmudgeons. We need private time to recharge our batteries, but we love our neighbors."

The Russelles wanted a "friendly fence" that would be "as appealing on the outside as the inside." A fence, in other words, that encouraged leaning and long neighborly chats. A fence, you might say, that wouldn't come between the Russelles and their good neighbors.

That was a year ago. Russelle asked local architect Sarah Susanka to draw up the plans, and his neighbor Terry Gockman offered some additional design tips. Then Russelle and his teenage labor force—neighborhood buddies Otto Gockman and Joe Christopherson—got to work.

The resulting cedar fence is a Zen-like latticework delight, with carefully graded levels to accommodate elbow-leaners of all heights. There are even wide cross-pieces designed to hold coffee cups, should they be set down to allow passers-by free use of their hands to emphasize a point relative, perhaps, to the "Nader for President" sign that decorates the Russelles' front yard.

The fence frames rather than blocks the view of

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#### Second thoughts: A family designs a fence

by Lisa Steinmann

"his fence has a story," says Bill Johnston, gesturing proudly to the high trellis-style fence draped with blooming vines that embraces the back-yard garden of his family's St. Anthony Park home. The story began several years ago when Bill's wife, Debbie, recruited her husband and their youngest son, Zach, to help her create a special garden for their back yard. While Bill had already put a picket fence around the yard, Debbie wanted something different, something with vines curling through it and that created a closed-in feeling to the back yard but was still open to light.

The family began studying fence designs everywhere they went. Zach remembers that they liked a square lattice design after comparing it to diamond shapes, triangles, rectangles and

Zach Johnston

trapezoids. They noted the different styles of posts, too. "Even on vacation, driving through Rhode Island, we took pictures of fences we liked," Debbie Johnston says. Combining the features they liked best from different fences, they made a sketch and asked local handyman Gerry Guertin to build it.

First Guertin had to take down Bill's picket fence. He recycled much of the old fence in the form of potting shelves and other projects throughout the yard. He kept the existing posts but made them higher. Working in unpainted cedar, Guertin built the fence the Johnstons had envisioned.

The next part of bringing the fence to completion involved planting the vines that would adorn it. The Johnstons planted clematis on the east and west sides of the fence and a single silver lace vine on the north side. In just three years the silver lace vine has grown prolifically, reaching over 20 feet around the fence. Debbie has artfully woven its leafy tendrils in and out of the trellis. It occasionally needs some pruning, she says. "Zach and I joke that it's time to give it a haircut."

The 20x50-foot space now defined by the fence became like a new room to furnish. With the professional help of Mark Hauri of Yardmasters, the Johnstons added pavers, plants and a pond with waterfalls. Young Zach's interest in the new garden space progressed from learning about fence styles to learning about gardening. One source for his education is the St. Anthony Park Garden Club, where, at age 11, he is the youngest member.

"It's fun to weed and plant, plan and water," says Zach as he walks a visitor through the garden. We sit on a garden bench with a trellis roof, the newest addition to the fence, as Zach points out the plants that provide color in different seasons: tulips in spring, Japanese yew in summer and the Autumn Joy sedum that will soon turn bright pink. As Zach describes the whiskery Koi fish in the pond, the preying mantises he released into the garden, and the milkweed flowers that, he assures me, smell like buttercream frosting, it becomes obvious that the story of the fence is one that has created many new stories within the garden it surrounds.

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> Jeanne St. Claire

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# Fanning a fire for innovation: A gardener salvages the creative urge

by Todd Boss

There are worse things, Jeanne St. Claire maintains. She could be a drunkard. She could be spending away her children's future. Instead, she nurtures a more benign idiosyncrasy.

We are sitting in St. Claire's back-yard garden, puzzling out the fine line between passion and obsession. She grows animated. "Sometime in our childhood," she says, "somehow we lose our ability to create. Too much today is presented to us as given. We're told what something's function is and that it can't be anything else. Why can't it be? We forget that things can be pressed into any function we wish to imagine.'

You wouldn't know it, but we're talking about iron gratings. Register vents, street grilles, flue roundels. St. Claire's house and garden on Brewster St. in St. Anthony Park are filled with them. Inside, they hang plain, their floral and crisscross patterns not unlike delicate line drawings against the white walls. Outside, they sprout in welded twists of acanthus and ivy.

How does a woman become passionate about grates:

"I hate the thought of things being thrown away," St. Claire says. "Also, it's important to me to feel a continuity with the past in the things I surround myself with, even if it's just a grate. I

could go to to the store for my things, or I could salvage them from the old farm.'

St. Claire's old farm is in southwest Minnesota. Although she grew up in Roseville, she lived on the farm for 25 years, raising dairy and beef cattle, soybeans and corn. A few minutes with her and one gets the sense that she's eager, still, to get her hands into things. Something about taking the farm out of

That salt-of-the-earth frugality is what brought her to the Goodwill Store one day, where six tri-fold fireplace screens caught her eye. "Hey," said the clerk who rang up her sale, "you must have a lot of fireplaces.

But I knew immediately they would make the perfect back-yard fence," St. Claire says about her fire screens. And she was right. Their lively, arching profile, simple detailing and mesh composition provide a delicate, understated, and above all unique backdrop, dividing St. Claire's lovely English garden from her alley.

Another point in the fence's favor: It only cost her \$96.

But to call it a fence is to limit its effectiveness. It's really a screen. Situated on the southeast corner of St. Claire's property, which in Feng Shui parlance is the red (or fire) corner, it nonetheless seems unlikely to dampen the effects of the spitfire who's hearth it surrounds.

A welder friend did the sweat work. A retired farmer and mechanic, Dale Nikolaisen of Canby, Minnesota, has grown used to bringing Jeanne's flights of fancy down to earth. Her back yard is filled with his handiwork: birdbaths made from weathered branches and reclaimed disc blades, trellises fashioned from joined rails of Victorian trim.

St. Claire readily confesses that she is not an architect. But that didn't stop her from designing her own garage a few years ago. "Builders one after another told me I couldn't do what I wanted to do;

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# A joint project: Newlyweds take fencing lessons

by Dave Healy

F olk wisdom has it that certain activities will make or break a marriage. If you can \_\_\_\_\_ (name your poison: buy a car, wallpaper a room, endure a remodeling) together, the saying goes, you can get through anything. To the usual list of suspects, Carolyn Henry-Johanson and Mark Johanson might want to add "build a fence."

Carolyn and Mark were married three months ago in the back yard of what had until then been Carolyn's house at 1113 Raymond Ave. Having wedding guests in her yard made Carolyn especially conscious of the condition of her fence, a still serviceable structure but one that had fallen into some disrepair.

"I'd been wanting to replace the fence for awhile," she says, "but just hadn't got around to having it done." Enter Mark-new husband and experienced builder. His first project was a storage shed. Once that was completed, he turned his attention to the fence. But what sort of fence would

"If it had been just up to me, we probably would have built a conventional wooden fence," says Mark. But Carolyn had been living with a conventional wooden fence for 12 years, and she wanted something different. The negotiating began.

'I've always had a fascination with circus tents," explains Carolyn. "I wanted a fence that would somehow recreate that feel." She proposed a structure with posts higher than the fence itself-"like tent poles"-and slats with curved tops to mimic the effect of suspended canvas.

Other values came into play as well, some functional and some aesthetic. Both Carolyn and Mark wanted a fence that, like the old one, provided some privacy for their backyard garden, but neither

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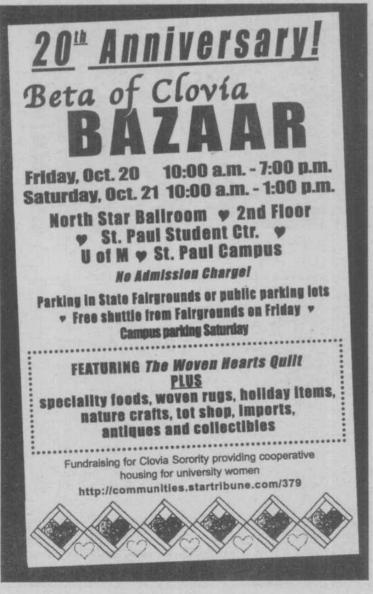
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Field trips for Langford and South St. Anthony Park Rec Centers: roller skating Thurs., Oct. 19; swimming at Arlington High School Fri., Oct. 20.

#### Reading

Former Governor and SAP resident Elmer L. Andersen will be at the St. Anthony Park Library on Sunday, Oct. 8 from 2-4 p.m. for an afternoon tea and autographing of his new book, "A Man's Reach," published in August by the University of Minnesota Press. The event is co-sponsored by Micawber's Bookstore and the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library.

#### Arts events

The Church of \$t. Cecilia presents liturgical composer and performer David Haas in concert Sun., Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.). Admission is \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at St. Patrick's Guild (Snelling and Randolph) or by calling St. Cecilia at 644-4502. The Church of St. Cecilia is located at 2357 Bayless Pl.

David Haas is the director of the Emmaus Center for Music Prayer and Ministry. He also serves as campus minister and artist in residence at BenildeSt. Margaret's High School in St. Louis Park. Haas has produced over 30 collections of liturigical music, and his recording "I Shall See God" was nominated for a Grammy in 1991.

Music in the Purk Series launches its 22nd season with the Los Angeles Piano Quartet on Sun., Oct. 15 at 4 p.m. at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. Tickets are \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door, \$8 student rush. For ticket information, call 645-5699.

Popular guests on MPR's "St. Paul Sunday" and New York's "Live from WNCN," the ensemble will present a program that spans three centuries: Beethoven's Quartet in E flat, the Piano Quartet in A major by Brahms and Stephen Hartke's "The King of the Sun," a work inspired by the paintings of Joan Miró and written expressly for the ensemble.

Ralph Hepola presents a program of brass and electronic music on Thurs., Oct. 26 from noon-1 p.m. at the University of Minnesota's St. Paul Student Center. Hepola's concert will feature music from the 15th to the 21st centuries in a variety of styles: classical, jazz, fusion and rock.

#### Gardening

The St. Anthony Purk Gurden Club's Oct. 3 program features Theresa Mieseler of Shady Acres Herb Farm in Chaska. Her topic is "Preserving Herbs and Creating Herbal Vinegars." The program is open to the public. It begins at 7 p.m. in the auxiliary dining room of the Olson Campus Center at Luther Seminary, 1490 Fulham.

#### Health

The St. Anthony Purk Block Nurse Program sponsors a senior health fair on Wed., Oct. 25 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, Como and Hillside. Information and a variety of health screenings will be available. If you plan to stay for lunch, call the Leisure Center at 603-8946 and make a reservation.

The Roseville Women of Today will sponsor a breast cancer awareness forum at 7 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 26 at the Roseville Library, Cty. Rd. B and Hamline. For more information about the forum or about Roseville Women of Today, call Karen at 481-7173.

Prof. Pauline Boss of the Family Social Science Dept. at the University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus is conducting research that seeks to identify the characteristics of caregivers of family members with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia.

Family caregivers are being sought to participate in a two-hour audio-taped interview about their caregiving experiences.

Anyone interested in participating in the study may call Christi McGeorge at 612-625-0291.

#### Family event

Community Education's TGIF Family Night runs Friday nights from Oct. 6-Nov. 17 at Murray Junior High School. Dinner is served from 5-6:30 p.m., followed by a selection of over 20 classes for family members of all ages. Topics include folk music with Ross Sutter, woodworking with Thom Lister and something for those who are wild about Harry

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#### Bazaar

The 20th Clovia Bazaar will take place Fri., Oct. 20 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m and Sat., Oct. 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom on the St. Paul campus of the University of Minnesota. This every-other-year event benefits Beta of Clovia House, which provides scholarships and cooperative living for female students at the University.

#### Groups

A new group of **St. Anthony Park GLBT** residents is forming. Anyone interested is invited to a potluck dinner on Fri., Oct. 20 at 5:30 p.m. at 2155 Scudder. Please RSVP to 649-1606.

#### Storytelling

Master storyteller **Duke Addicks** will tell "Who Haunts Here?" (true tales of a ghost hunter) at 7 p.m. on Sun., Oct. 30 at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave. The suggested donation will be \$3 per person with a maximum of \$10 per family.



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#### Russelle fence . from page 8

the back-yard flagstone patio, with its four red chairs and square table decked with a Provençal tablecloth.

As for the pond and the waterfall, they are still a work in progress. A load of large black rocks dots one corner of the back yard, and the planned water lilies aren't yet in place to soften the look of the pond's black plastic lining. Eventually, Russelle hopes to add rock paths, goldfish and a heater to make sure the whole scene survives the Minnesota winter.

But for now, the essentials are

all there, and the pond waters chuckle and burble in a fashion that only the thoroughly unimaginative won't associate instantly with the glories of the

Oregon wilderness.

The Russelles are already making the most of the their transformed back yard. Shielded from the gaze of all but the most gregarious passers-by, Russelle's wife has been known to stretch out by the pond for a session of what her husband refers to as "deep meditation

in a supine position."

For those moments when the Russelles are both outdoors and upright, the fence has other advantages. Russelle says, "The fence offers visual separation but allows us to retain contact with the neighbors. It fits our ideas of how neighbors can be together.'

If you'd like a closer look, you can lean your elbows-or maybe even your coffee cupon the fence made by good neighbors when you stop by 1480 Chelmsford St. in St. Anthony Park.

#### Newlyweds' fence from page 9

was interested in the "fortress look."

"This fence feels more inviting than the old one," says Carolyn, "because it's more 'peekable.' It's less of a wall and more of an edge."

Peekability was enhanced by leaving spaces between the slats, making the fence shorter in front of the storage shed, creating a diamond-shaped cut-out in the back gate, and by several strategically placed knot holes. These last three features were late additions to the design, as was a small jog along the back edge. Mark calls them "happy accidents," examples of how a plan can emerge and evolve. Another way the design evolved is reflected in the three gates, each of which is different.

The result is a fence that Carolyn calls "playful" and

Mark "whimsical."

"Once we grow up and have mortgages, we don't play anymore," she says. "I love feeling like we're surrounded by a carnival.

"It doesn't cost any more to have a little fun with something," says Mark, even as he admits that his first inclination is to build something by the book. "Building this fence has made me realize that I like creating something distinctive that will last and that will say something unique about us."

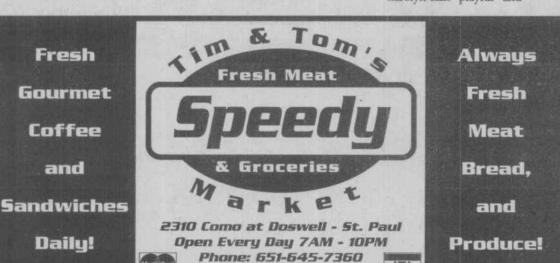
A fence makes a public statement, but it can also have private significance. For Carolyn, this fence is personally meaningful not only because of its circus tent-inspired design but also because of what it's made of. Eight years ago her father cut

down some trees on his property and sawed them into boards on his home-made saw mill. Those were trees Carolyn played on as a girl, and now their wood forms the fence that encloses her own children as they enjoy their back yard.

Reflecting on what they've learned about each other in recent weeks, Carolyn and Mark talk about their individual strengths. Carolyn is the visionary, Mark the translator.

'We certainly have never seen building this fence as a test of our compatability," says Carolyn, "but it has taught us something important about how we work together. And it's probably been a good experience to have had before we start the new addition on the back of the house.'

Ah yes . . . the addition. For a couple of newlyweds, the challenges continue.





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#### 2 Monday

- II Como Park recycling
- I AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church (644-0809), 8 p.m. Every Monday.
- Boy Scouts, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. Every Monday.

#### 3 Tuesday

- Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), Langford Park Rec Center (298-5765), 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Every Tuesday.
- Toastmasters (633-4153), training in effective speaking, Hewlett Packard, 2025 Larpenteur Ave., 7:40-8:40 a.m. Every Tuesday.
- St. Anthony Park Writers will meet at Black Bear Crossing, 831 Como (east of Como Park) at 7 p.m. Newcomers welcome. Call 645-1345 for more information.
- St. Anthony Park Garden Club meeting, Auxiliary Dining Room, Olson Campus Center, Luther Seminary, 6:30 p.m. Meeting is open to the public.

#### 4 Wednesday

- St. Anthony Park recycling
- Leisure Center for Seniors (603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. Every Wednesday.

#### 5 Thursday

- Tot Time (for 5-year olds and younger), South St. Anthony Rec Center (298-5765), 10 a.m.-noon. Every Thursday.
- Toastmasters (649-5162), U.S. Forest Service, 1992 Folwell Ave., St. Paul Campus, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Every Thursday.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 6 p.m.

#### 6 Friday

- Falcon Heights recycling
- Preschool storytime for children ages 3-5, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m. Every Friday. Preregistration preferred (642-0411).

#### 7 Saturday

■ Octoberfest celebration on Como

#### 9 Monday

- Yom Kippur
- Falconeers Senior Card Club (488-3361), Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 1-3:30 p.m.
- Park Press Inc., Park Bugle Board meeting, St. Anthony Park Bank community room, 7 a.m.

#### 10 Tuesday

- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 7:30 p.m.
- Holly House director Dr. Patricia Lawler will offer a free workshop on protecting yourself against colds, flu and infections, naturally. 6 p.m. Call 645-6951 for meeting location.

#### 11 Wednesday

- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 7 p.m.
- Como Community Council Marketing Committee, Black Bear Crossing, 7 p.m.
- Como Community Council Executive Committe, Black Bear Crossing, 7 p.m.
- I Full Council meeting, St. Anthony Park Community Council, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

#### 12 Thursday

■ Free blood pressure clinic and health resources by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, St. Anthony Park Library, 10-11 a.m.

#### 13 Friday

Lauderdale recycling

## 14 Saturday

I Junior High Night, Langford Park Rec Center (298-5765), 7-10 p.m. Parent permission required.



#### 15 Sunday

■ Music in the Park, Los Angeles Piano Quartet, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 4 p.m.

#### 16 Monday

■ Como Park recycling

#### 17 Tuesday

- Lauderdale Planning Commission, City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 7 p.m.
- Como Community Council Board meeting, 7 p.m. Location to be announced.

#### 18 Wednesday

- St. Anthony Park recycling
- Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7:30-9 p.m.

#### 20 Friday

■ Falcon Heights recycling

#### 25 Monday

- Como Park recycling
- St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program Board of Directors meeting, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church library, 7 p.m.
- Falconeers Senior Card Club (488-3361), Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 1-3:30 p.m.

#### 24 Tuesday

- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 7:30 p.m.
- Parent conferences, Murray Jr. High, 3:30-6:30 p.m.

# 25 Wednesday

- St. Anthony Park Community Council Housing and Human Services Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 5:30 p.m.
- Seniors Halloween Health Fair, SAP United Church of Christ, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Free, but make a reservation (603-8946) to stay for
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Environment Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.
- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 7 p.m.

#### 26 Thursday

Parent conferences, Murray Jr. High, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

#### 27 Friday

■ Lauderdale recycling

#### 28 Saturday

■ FARE For All food distribution and registration at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church (644-8833), 2323 Como Avenue, 8:30-10:30 a.m.; and Holy Childhood Church (644-7495), 1435 Midway Parkway, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

#### 29 Sunday

■ Daylight savings time ends.

#### 30 Monday

■ Como Park recycling

#### 31 Tuesday

■ Halloween

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# LIVES LIVED

#### Franz Roy Abrahamson

Franz Roy Abrahamson died on Aug. 23 at the age of 88. He was a resident of Lyngblomsten Care Center. Mr. Abrahamson was a veteran of the St. Paul Fire Department, a brick contractor and a Third Degree Mason.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Norma Abrahamson; two brothers, Earl and Clark Abrahamson; and a sister, Margaret. He is survived by two sons, Merle and Robert Abrahamson, and four grandchildren, Craig, Cary, Karla and Kirsten. A private family service and burial were held.

#### Helen T. Chiarella Alfonse

Helen T. Chiarella Alfonse died at age 84 on Sept. 5. Her home was on Chelsea St. near Como Park. Mrs. Alfonse was a parishioner at Holy Childhood Catholic Church.

Preceded in death by her husband, Paul Alfonse, she is survived by a daughter, Andrea Anderson; three sons, Paul Alfonse, Jr., Michael Alfonse, and Gregory Alfonse; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a brother, Chester Chiarella. A Mass of Christian Burial took place at Holy Childhood Church on Sept. 8.

#### Marjorie Herrmann Cox

Marjorie Herrmann Cox, a former resident of St. Anthony Park, died on Aug. 25 at age 82. She grew up on the corner of Raymond and Carter and had been a long-time resident of Northfield, Minnesota.

Mrs. Cox served on the Northfield City Council; was active in the arts as a poet, actress and puppeteer; and taught English, art and speech. She was a member of the Northfield First United Church of Christ.

She is survived by three sons, W. Thomas Cox of Brooklyn, Raymond Cox and Robert Cox; three daughters, Jennifer Johnson, Sarah Currier and Virginia Kearney; and 15 grandchildren, Mattie, Lauren and Tad Johnson; Tristan, Marja and Diana Cox; Anna, Sarah, Emily and Matthew Cox; Athena and Phoebe Currier; and Ellen, Jack and Tom Kearney. Services were held on Aug. 29 at

First United Church of Christ in Northfield.

#### William J. Davies

William J. Davies died at age 92 on Aug. 25. He lived near Como Park.

Mr. Davies was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel Davies, an infant son, an infant daughter and a granddaughter. Survivors include his son, Lawrence Davies; three grandchildren, Thomas Davies, William Davies and Corinna Turner; and five greatgrandchildren, Brianna, Alexander and Zachary Davies, and Lorenzo and Alyssah Turner. The funeral was held on Aug. 29 at Roselawn Cemetery Chapel.

#### Irene L. Johnson

Irene L. Johnson, a resident of Lyngblomsten Care Center, died on Aug. 22. She was 97 years of age and a long-time resident of the Como Park area. Mrs. Johnson was a nurse for many years at the Whitehouse Nursing Home and after retirement enjoyed playing music for residents at numerous homes.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands, Paul Nelson and Arthur Johnson. She is survived by two sons, Robert Nelson of St. Paul and Ronald Nelson of Carefree, Arizona; seven grandchildren, Scott Nelson, Sandra Bostrom, Sherida Tufunga, Roberta Rivet, Linda Lucht, Gary Nelson and Paul Nelson; and several greatgrandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral services took place on Aug. 26 at the Roseville Memorial Chapel.

#### Neal Wayne Yun Kwong

Neal Wayne Yun Kwong died at the age of 15 on Aug. 22. His home was on Fry St. in Falcon Heights.

Neal was a ninth grader last year at Harding High School. He was a member of Boy Scout Troop 17 and received his Eagle Scout award in January, 1998. For the last three years he participated in the University of Minnesota's Talented Youth Math Program. At Harding he earned letters in crosscountry and wrestling. He enjoyed biking, running, hard work, caring for his box turtles and being a counselor this summer at Tomahawk Scout Reservation in Birchwood, Wisconsin. He attended the United Church of Christ in New Brighton.

He is survived by his parents, Christine and Gary Kwong; a brother, Alan; a sister, Laura; grandparents, Hal and Doris Anderson of Pillager, Minnesota, and Mary Kwong of St. Paul; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. A memorial service was held at the New Brighton United Church of Christ on Aug. 27.

#### Delphine G. Nash

Delphine G. Nash died at age 90 on Sept. 6. She made her home at Lyngblomsten Care Center. Mrs. Nash was a member at St. Timothy Lutheran Church in St. Paul.

Preceded in death by her husband, Louis Nash, she is survived by her son, James Nash. A funeral service was held at Lyngblomsten Chapel on Sept. 8.

#### Robert Charles Rathburn

Robert Charles Rathburn, a longtime St. Anthony Park resident, died on Sept. 2. at age 81.

Mr. Rathburn was an Emeritus Professor of English at the University of Minnesota and the author of several books. He was a member of St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church and belonged to the St. Anthony Park Association.

Survivors include his wife, Louise Rathburn, and several nieces and nephèws. A memorial service took place on Sept. 9 at the United Methodist Church.

#### Verna Wayne

Verna Wayne died at age 95 on Sept. 5. She lived for 50 years on Carter Ave. and most recently at Presbyterian Homes in Roseville. Mrs. Wayne was a member of St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ.

Preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Wayne, she is survived by a daughter, Alice Wayne; a son, William Wayne; grandchildren, Susan, Sara and Scott Hollander; and a greatgranddaughter, Anna Hollander. Funeral services took place on Sept. 8 at the United Church of Christ.

Compiled by Ann Bulger

Correction: In last month's Bugle, Charles McMurray Braden's wife was mistakenly identified as Grace Gibas, who is actually Mr. Braden's sister. Mr. Braden's wife is Geraldine Braden. The Bugle regrets the error.

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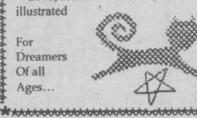
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#### St. Clair fence

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I had to choose from their stock plans," she says derisively. "Isn't that crazy? And then finally one of them acknowledged that they had a guy who might be interested in taking on this project independently." During a slow period (February, 1998), a 25-year-old carpenter built the whole garage himself from St. Claire's plans, right down to the salvaged church windows she wanted installed. Facing her house, their arches add a unique touch to her cozy garden retreat.

Referring to the carpenter and also to her welder friend Nikolaisen, St. Claire says, "It's nice to find know-how." And how: St. Claire is a breath of fresh air where can-do is concerned. Which brings up the last, and perhaps best, justification for her passion for iron.

"It's a hobby that allows me

to be the me that I want to be,' she says. "And I'm not hurting anybody by it."

On the contrary. Some obsessions are as comforting as a warm blaze.

# Sugar Divas . . . from page 1

the Minnesota State Fair on Aug. 29.

The Divas rehearse weekly, and much of their energy these days goes into expanding their playlist of original songs. Miller cites blues, jazz and pop as musical influences but says, "When I write songs, I don't consciously try to sound like anyone else."

Sugar Divas have a manager and a three-song demo. They're generally satisfied with their progress so far but, like most groups, would like to be performing more. Asked where that might be, Miller mentions the Quest and First Ave. as examples of the next level in venues.

# Davenport

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to earn money for college, or because they may start out in more affordable community colleges and then transfer to fouryear colleges. Already, Hamline has an active transfer student program and a number of older, more experienced students.

Because of these concerns about the rising cost of college, as well as the increasing number of jobs requiring a bachelor's degree, Davenport hopes to see greater involvement from politicians in helping make college a possibility for more Americans. "I'm encouraged when I hear politicians describe education as a national investment, because that's really what it is," he says.

It is this "big-picture" view of the CLA that earned Davenport his job. "He has a powerful vision for the future of the liberal arts and its connection to careers, the professions and service to our society and the world," said Hamline President Larry Osnes. Clearly, the position suits him well. "I enjoy the job," Davenport says. "I enjoyed teaching, and this came as a new challenge." He smiles before adding, "And I've enjoyed 99% of it."

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Pastor Bruce Petersen
Filipino-American Worship 11 am
Pastor Sonny Olojan

#### ❖ COMO PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA

1376 Hoyt Ave. W. 651-646-7127 Handicapped accessible CPL Contact Ministry 651-644-1897

Sunday Schedule September 3, 10, 17, 24 (nursery provided)
Rides available for 10 am worship (Call the church office before noon
on Friday for ride)

8 am & 10 am Beginning Sept. 10, Rally Day, Worship begins at 11 am Traditional Worship (Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays) 9 am Children & Family Worship (Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays)

Pastors: Martin Ericson and Meg Sander Visitation Pastor: Leonard Jacobsen Directors of Youth and Family Ministry: Andrea and Dave Wollan Director of Music Ministry: Thomas Ferry

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Sunday School and Adult Bible Class: 10:30 am

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1744 Walnut at Ione. 1 block north of Larpenteur. 651-644-5440.
Sunday School and Adult Forum 9:15 am
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am, Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays
Tuesday Bible Study: 10 am
After School Program Tuesday & Thursday 3:30-5:30 Grades 3-6
Pastor Drew Flathmann

#### \* ROSE HILL ALLIANCE CHURCH

Awana 6:45 pm

Roselawn at Cleveland. 651-631-0173
Sunday English Worship: 9:30 am, Japanese Worship: 9:15 am
Sunday School: 11 am, Int'l. Connection 5:00 pm
Wednesday Int'l. Women's American Culture Class 1:00 pm
(Sept. - May)
Wednesdays Jr. Hi and Sr. Hi Group 6:45 pm

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We are a community of believers called to joyfully serve God, one another, and the world.

Como and Luther Place. Handicap-accessible. 651-645-0371

Pastor Del Jacobson

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Faith Chinese Fellowship at 1:30 pm 信義教會 星期天下午

Men's Prayer Group Fridays at noon Our van is available for transportation to and from services.

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Dane Packard, Pastor; Carrie Rice Sauter, Youth Coordinator
Sunday Worship & Sunday School at 10 am, Fellowship at 11 am
Nursery Care provided - 10:15 am
Sept. 3 9:30 am worship. Sept. 10 Rally Sunday

#### ST. A.P. UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Becoming God's Community on Earth 2200 Hillside Ave (at Como) 651-646-4859 Pastor Deb Walkes

Sundays: 9:30 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Celebration, with fellowship at 11 am 11:15 am Adult Forum Wednesdays: 9 am-1 pm Leisure Center (Senior fellowship, and

activities, and meal)

#### ST. CECILIA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Cromwell and Bayless Place. 651-644-4502
Saturday Mass: 5 pm at the church
Sunday Mass: 10 am at church (nursery provided) and
8:15 am at Seal Hi-Rise, 825 Seal St. (handicapped accessibility)
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 7 am Mass at the Parish Center

#### ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2136 Carter at Chelmsford. 651-645-3058
Beginning Sunday Sept. 10, Eucharist at 8 and 10:30 am
Education Hour for all ages 9:15 am
Wednesdays: 10:00 am Eucharist
Thursdays: 1:00 pm Caregivers Respite Program
Healing services in the chapel follow both Sunday services on 1st and 3rd
Sundays.

Beginning Sept. 7, tutoring for children and youth resumes on Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 to 8:30 pm Sunday Sept. 24, join us as we celebrate the feast of St. Matthew

Thursday Sept. 23, 7:30 pm, memorial service for Libby and Bill McDonald

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The Rev. Lyn Lawyer, Deacon

#### \*WARRENDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1040 Como Ave, at Oxford, 651-489-6054 Sunday Worship: 10:15 am (nursery provided) Sunday Church School: 9 am Rev. Timothy Held, Minister